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In re Application of	:	
Youseff L. Bennani et al.	:	
Application No. 10/691,095	:	ON PETITION
Filed: October 22, 2003	:	
Attorney Docket No. 6993.US.O2	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed August 6, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 13, 2005, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month or thirty (30) days (whichever is later). No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on January 14, 2006. The Notice of Abandonment was mailed August 24, 2006.

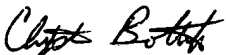
The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an election; (2) the petition fee of \$1,500; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that "the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional." Since the statement appearing in the petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), the statement is being construed as the required statement. Petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct reading of the statement appearing in the petition.

Also, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is not required in reply to a restriction requirement for purposes of reviving an abandoned application. See MPEP § 711.03(c) II.A.2. Accordingly, the \$790.00 RCE fee will be credited to petitioner's Deposit Account No. 01-0025.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Terri Williams at (571) 272-2991.

The application file is being referred to Technology Center AU 1614 for appropriate action on the reply received August 6, 2007.

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Chris Bottorff
Petitions Examiner
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Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Application Number	10/691,095
Filing Date	October 22, 2003
First Named Inventor	Youseff L. Bennani
Art Unit	1614
Examiner Name	Graffeo, Michel
Attorney Docket Number	6993USO2

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other Petition to Revive

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2. Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☒ Other Petition to Revive fee

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